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Hello Members,

Please see Meredith's email below about the allegation that came up during the board meeting yesterday, media coverage and DTSCs response.

If anyone from the media contacts you, please let me know.

Thanks,

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Hi,

Congratulations on the meeting and on the tour. BES has definitely arrived!

KPCC is covering the Exide worker concerns story.

In response to their inquiry we issued the following statement:

DTSC has become aware of two allegations of impropriety and takes these allegations very seriously. Both allegations are currently under investigation. DTSC and the local unions are signatories to a Project Labor Agreement which sets out procedures for workplace grievances and DTSC coordinates with the unions to ensure all grievances are properly investigated.

Cleanup update:

DTSC has supervised the sampling of more than 9,000 parcels and as of July 8, the cleanup of nearly 4,000 properties. On July 1, The California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) requested the Exide facility, along with surrounding communities, be added to U.S. EPA's National Priorities List (NPL), which is also known as the Superfund. This would provide potentially millions of federal dollars for cleanup and expedite the remainder of the Exide cleanup. More information can be found in this press release.

<https://dtsc.ca.gov/2022/07/01/california-petitions-federal-government-to-add-exide-to-superfund-list/>

The radio piece is available on the KPCC newscast (blue box on the RHS of the page)

<https://www.kpcc.org/>

https://laist.com/news/climate-environment/protesters-urge-state-officials-to-find-new-company-to-handle-exide-cleanup-in-southeast-la?_ga=2.211971476.1641389836.1657675560-408694024.1657675560

Regards,
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